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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Sir:

This paper is in timely response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2003 and made final. For this amendment, Applicant has used the revised amendment format permitted by the USPTO Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted", dated January 31, 2003.

Applicant requests entry of the amendments presented herein which are believed to comply with all requirements of form and place the application in condition for allowance. Alternatively, Applicant requests entry of these amendments as they are believed to reduce the issues for appeal.

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